

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the North Fork Shenandoah River in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties and Stony Creek in Shenandoah County. The North Fork Shenandoah River was listed on the 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment extends from the confluence with Turley Creek to the confluence with Pugh's Run for a total of 52.97 miles. Stony Creek was also listed on the 2004 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment includes a 6.48-mile segment of stream between the Foltz Creek confluence and the Little Stony Creek confluence and a 5.65 mile segment from the George's Chicken discharge to the confluence with the North Fork Shenandoah River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of these TMDLs will be held on **Wednesday, May 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.** at the Edinburg Town Hall, Town Hall Drive, Edinburg, VA.

The public comment period for the first public meeting will end on June 26, 2005. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail [rbrent@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:rbrent@deq.virginia.gov).